

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1370

By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to commend Lieutenant Larry Gamblin of the Tennessee Highway Patrol for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee and to this General Assembly on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those exemplary public servants who have dedicated their lives to protecting their fellow citizens and preserving the public safety; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Larry Gamblin of the Tennessee Highway Patrol is one such estimable citizen who has served with distinction since 1991 as Security Officer for Speaker of the House of Representatives Jimmy Naifeh, and he will soon be taking a much deserved retirement from a distinguished law enforcement career that has spanned many years; and

WHEREAS, whether in Washington, D.C., home in Tennessee or many points in between, Lt. Gamblin has stood ever vigilant, ready and willing to perform his duties in service of Speaker Naifeh; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman of above average height, Larry literally towers above crowds as he accompanies and protects Speaker Naifeh; and

WHEREAS, performing his many duties with the utmost professionalism and integrity, Lt. Gamblin has won the unqualified respect and admiration of his peers in law enforcement and the members of the General Assembly alike; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Larry Gamblin exhibits these same outstanding qualities to all of the members of the Speaker's staff, each of whom hold him in the highest esteem as a dedicated professional and as a trusted friend and adviser; and

WHEREAS, to the members and staff of the General Assembly, he exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and a diligent public servant; and

WHEREAS, a devoted family man, Lt. Gamblin has been blessed with the love and companionship of his wife, Linda; he is the proud father of three daughters and one son and the grandfather of seven; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Larry Gamblin truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated law enforcement officer who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service, and he should be specially recognized for his professional expertise and personal excellence on the occasion of his retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Lieutenant Larry Gamblin, an exceptional officer and friend to his community and this State, for his many years of exemplary service with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and as Security Officer for Speaker of the House of Representatives Jimmy Naifeh, thank him for his bravery and his dedication, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.